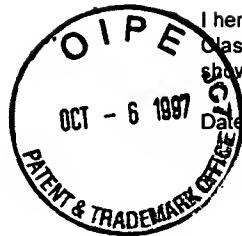


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In re Application of)
Johannes C. van der Laan, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1814
Serial No.: 07/565,673) Examiner: Hendricks, K.
Filed: August 10, 1990)
For: Efficient Production of Mutant Proteases)

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated April 4, 1997 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 4-7, 9-10, 12-14, 19, 23-25, 29-35 and 38-40.

- An appeal fee is not required.
- Please charge the appeal fee of \$310.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.
- Appellant's Brief
- accompanies this notice.
- will be submitted with two months from the date of the notice of appeal under §1.191 or within the time allowed for response to the action appealed from, if such time is later.
- Please charge the request for filing the brief of \$310.00 to Deposit Account No. 07-1048.

- Appellant requests an oral hearing.
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- An extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to respond to the final rejection is enclosed for three months, to and including October 1, 1997.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC329-US3). This Notice is being submitted in triplicate.

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